Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The matter will receive due consideration.

273. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state, if it is not a fact that the accretion paddy fields are assessed on a higher scale than the good paddy fields near the backwater?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No.

274. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—In view of the condition of the accretion paddy fields, will the Government kindly consider the reduction of the assessment on those lands, if it has not passed any order on the matter?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Government see no justification to reduce the assessment fixed after due classification of the soil.

Delay in the publication of Departmental Administration Reports.

275. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state if it does not consider 8 months too much for the publication of a *Departmental Administration Report*?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to take steps to have such inordinate delays in publication stopped?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) and (b). The Government cannot say one way or the other without examining the particular circumstances of the case, if there has been one.

Minor Municipalities in Kunnamkulam and Irinjalakkuda..

276. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what were the recommendations of the Diwan Peishkar, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer and the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats with regard to the establishment of minor Municipalities at Kunnamkulam and Irinjalakkuda?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Copy of the joint report of the officers containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix VI.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Have the Government passed final orders on the final report?

President.—No.

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Results of Chemical Examination.

Physical appearances.			
Colour and transparency	Yellowish and Opaque	Slightly yellowish and hazy	Slightly yellowish but clear
Smell	None	None	None
Quantitative.			
In parts per 1.00,000 .			
Total solids	54·0	18·0	24·0
Temporary hardness	12·0	5·5	3·5
Permanent ,,	9·0	3·5	5·5
Total ,,	21·0	9·0	9·0
Chlorine	8·5	1·8	3·9
Ammoniacal nitrogen	0·002	0·006	0·009
Albuminoid	0·003	0·004	0·006
Oxygen absorbed (Tidy's)	0·04	0·053	0·067
Nitric Nitrogen	Nil	0·075	0·1
Qualitative.			
Nitrites	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sulphates	Present	Present	Present
Phosphates	Nil	Nil	Nil
Iron, poisonous metals	Nil	Nil	Nil

APPENDIX VI.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 276.)

Joint Report.

Subject :—Constitution of Municipalities—Irinjalakkuda and Kunnamkulam.

Before drawing up a report on the points specified in paragraph 4 of the above Diwan's Proceedings, we considered it desirable to ascertain at first the attitude of the inhabitants of the two towns anent the proposal to establish a minor Municipality in each. With this object in view, we held a public meeting at Kunnamkulam on the 6th inst: and at Irinjalakkuda on the 8th. Short accounts of the proceedings of the two meetings are enclosed for the perusal of Government, from which it will be seen that the inhabitants of both the towns are not very keen on having Municipalities in their midst. On the other hand, they are strongly opposed to the proposal. The two petitions presented to us by the inhabitants of Kunnamkulam are also forwarded for perusal.

2. The sanitary conditions of Irinjalakkuda are very much better than those of Kunnamkulam. Irinjalakkuda has now a Panchayat which is doing some useful work, and there is no necessity, in our opinion, to constitute this town into a minor Municipality in the immediate future. The condition of Kunnamkulam is however quite different, and a Municipality there is a real necessity. There are several congested streets in Kunnamkulam, the drainage, sanitation and conservancy of which require closer attention and larger

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expenditure than now. But, as indicated in paragraph 5 of the Proceedings, it is hardly worth while in our opinion to thrust a Municipality on an unwilling people. The proposal may, therefore, be dropped.

3. The request of the Kunnamkulam people to give them a Village Panchayat may be favourably considered.

Voting of Demands For Grants—.(*Cont.*)

Demand XVIII—Education—Rs. 11·58 lakhs.—(*cont.*)

President.—Have you cleared your doubts regarding the location of the First Grade College?

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—No, we were left in the same position.

President.—What I want to point out is that the question of locating the First Grade College has not been decided, and it will depend upon several circumstances. The most important is the facilities for getting good water supply. So we have not taken up that question of location for consideration as yet. I think that is the Government's position. So we cannot definitely say anything, until all the other questions connected with it are solved.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there not a promise that the College will be shifted to a spacious place like Anappara?

President.—Not that I know of.

Motion No. 118.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs.15,326 for the establishments of Director, Senior Inspector, Inspectors and Inspectress by Rs. 100.*

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I withdraw my motion.

Motions Nos. 119—121.

Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 15,326 for the establishments of Director, Inspectors and Inspectress.*

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 47,567 for establishment under "Direction and Inspection" by one rupee.*

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 47,567 for establishment under "Direction and Inspection" by one rupee.*

Srimathi T. Madhavi Amma.—This is to bring to the notice of the Government some defects in the Department of Public Instruction.

Sir, the first thing I have to point out is the injustice shown to women when appointments are made in that department. There are many poor girls, competent to hold such posts, having passed their S. S. L. C. Examination and Intermediate Examination, seen loitering here and there in search of employment

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